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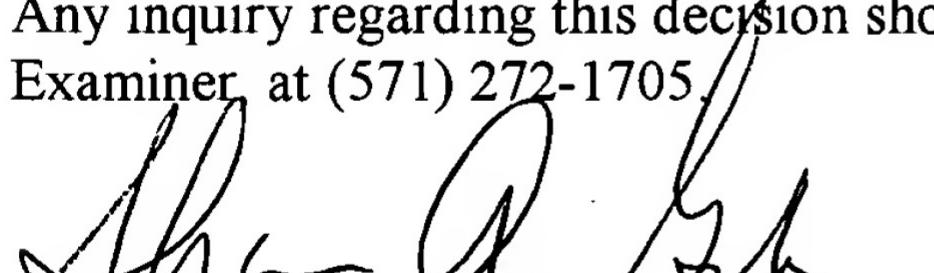
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FALLS CHURCH VA 22040-0747In re Application of:
Masato Sumikawa et al.
Serial No.: 09/782,180
Filed: February 14, 2001
Attorney Docket No.: 0033-0694PDECISION SUA SPONTE
WITHDRAWING HOLDING
OF ABANDONMENT

This is a decision, *sua sponte*, withdrawing the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

A decision on appeal by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) was mailed on May 4, 2006, affirming the final rejections by the examiner of all pending claims in the application. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on June 16, 2006.

Although no petition or request to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this application has been filed, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated, the holding of abandonment withdrawn and the application restored to pending and under appeal status in view of the fact that the appellant has two months from the date of the BPAI decision to seek review of the decision by the court or to commence a civil action.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Wael Fahmy, Supervisory Patent Examiner at (571) 272-1705.



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